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SUBJECT: ARMS EMBARGO - SALE OF TELEDYNE ENGINES TO SOUTH AFRICA

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- 1. EMBOFF INSPECTED 133 TELEDYNE ENGINES ON SEPT. 6. ENGINES REMAIN CRATED AND STORED AT SAME WAREHOUSE NEAR JOHANNESBURG WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN SINCE END OF 1976. GENERAL COMPONENTS LTD. REPRESENTATIVE SMIT WHO ACCOMPANIED EMBOFF STATED REMAINING 70 ENGINES CURRENTLY AT VETSAK BOTHAVILLA PLANT BUT ARE ABOUT TO BE BROUGHT TO JOHANNESBURG AND CONSOLIDATED WITH REST OF SHIPMENT. HE INDICATED ENTIRE SHIPMENT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY EMBASSY IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.
- 2. SMIT STATED THAT VETSAK STILL PLANNING TO USE ENGINES IN AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS BUT ACTUAL PRODUCTION HAS BEEN DELAYED BY COMBINATION OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL FACTORS. HE UNDERSTOOD RECENT BUMPER HARVEST HAS DONE MUCH TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND START UP OF PRODUCTION COULD BE EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE. HOWEVER HE WAS NOT ABLE TO GIVE SPECIFIC TIMEFRAME.
- 3. SMIT STATED TELEDYNE AND GENERAL COMPONENTS (US) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLAN TO RESUBMIT THE APPLICATION FOR THE REMAINING 97 ENGINES VERY SHORTLY. EMBOFF AGAIN POINTED OUT DEPT.'S POSITION (AS GIVEN REFTEL) THAT APPLICATION FOR REMAINDER OF SHIPMENT WOULD NOT BE APPROVED UNTIL ASSEMBLY PLANT IN OPERATION AND AT LEAST 80 TRACTORS ASSEMBLED. SMIT STATED THAT NONETHELESS TELEDYNE PLANNED TO RESUBMIT APPLICATION.

4. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE WHEN REMAINDER OF SHIPMENT INSPECTED. WE ASSUME CONDITIONS LAID DOWN IN REFTEL FOR LICENSING REMAINDER OF ORDER REMAIN VALID. BOWDLER

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